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**ECONOMICS**

( Major )

Course : 604

( Economic Issues of Assam )

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following as directed :  $1 \times 8 = 8$

(a) Assam covers about — percent of India's total geographical area.

( Fill in the blank )

(b) Limestone is used as a raw material for the production of

(i) cement

(ii) marble

(iii) copper

(iv) fireclay

( Choose the correct answer )

- (c) Name two medicinal plants of Assam.
- (d) In which year, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), the largest telecom operation in Assam was formed?
- (e) The forest area of Assam constitutes over \_\_\_\_ percent of the total geographical area of the State.

( Fill in the blank )

- (f) Define internal migration.
- (g) What is the literacy rate of Assam as per 2011 Census?
- (h) Name one place in Assam, where Government of India has approved for setting up of a Food Processing Industrial Park.

2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following  
**(within 150 words each) :**  $4 \times 4 = 16$

- (a) Role of human resources in economic development
- (b) Rural-urban migration of Assam
- (c) Sericulture in Assam
- (d) Handicraft industry of Assam
- (e) Problems of airways transport in Assam
- (f) Impact of flood and erosion in Assam

Answer the following questions **(within 500 words each) :**

3. (a) Give an account of the natural resources of Assam. Explain why Assam is economically backward in spite of her rich and abundant natural resources.

7+5=12

Or

(b) What is meant by 'population explosion'? Analyze the reasons for the tremendous growth of population in Assam in the post-Independence period. Do you think Assam is in a state of population explosion? Give reasons in support of your answer.

2+7+3=12

4. (a) Analyze the causes of low productivity of agriculture in Assam. What remedial measures would you suggest for improving the level of agricultural productivity?

6+5=11

Or

(b) What do you understand by the term 'modernization' of agriculture? Describe the measures adopted by the Government of Assam for modernization of agriculture.

4+7=11

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5. (a) Describe the state of small scale and agro-based industries of Assam. Mention the major difficulties faced by these industries.  $7+4=11$

Or

(b) Discuss critically the problems and prospects of tourism industry in improving the economy of Assam.  $5+6=11$

6. (a) Give an account of the present position and progress made by railways in Assam. Mention the main inadequacies in this sphere.  $7+4=11$

Or

(b) Discuss the problems and prospects of infrastructural facilities of Assam.  $5+6=11$

7. (a) Explain the problems faced by the agricultural labourers in Assam. What measures has government taken to improve these conditions?  $6+5=11$

Or

(b) Analyze the prospects of transborder trade as an emerging area for the future growth of the North-East India.  $11$

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